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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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1. DUE TO BACKLOG IN PER, IT MAY BE A FEW MORE DAYS BEFORE YOU RECEIVE A 1744 ON CINDY SMITH. BUT PER ASSURES US THAT THE EFFECTIVE DATE WILL BE 1/28/78 AND THAT AS FAR AS THEY ARE CONCERNED SHE IS ON DUTY NOW.

2. CONGRESSMAN GILMAN MAY APPLY AGAIN TO VISIT THE USSR, THIS TIME UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE. YOU WILL RECALL THAT HE DID NOT GET A VISA FOR HIS PROPOSED TRIP IN FEBRUARY 1977 (REF 77 MOSCOW 1978 AND PREVIOUS).

3. FOR PORTER FROM MCCALL. UPSHOT OF OUR TAKING THE CARPENTER CASE TO THE DG WAS AN ENCOURAGING REPLY THAT CARPENTER'S CASE WILL BE REEXAMINED THIS SPRING WITH THE CONFIDENTIAL

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CHANCE THAT THE BOARD WILL RECOMMEND HIS TENURE. ALTERNATIVELY, THE DG WOULD BE WILLING TO CONSIDER AN FSR APPOINTMENT FOR HIM LIMITED TO HIS KIEV SERVICE. CARPENTER EARLIER EXPRESSED A WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT SUCH AN APPOINTMENT, AND WE HAVE OUR FINGERS CROSSED THAT THE PROBLEM WILL BE SOLVED ONE WAY OR ANOTHER.

4. FEBRUARY 22 DC POLICE TOWED AWAY FOUR SOVIET EMBASSY CARS PARKED ILLEGALLY ON NORTHSIDE OF L STREET, I.E., NOT FROM 16TH STREET. POLICE DEPOSITED THEM SEVERAL BLOCKS AWAY UNDER WHITEHURST FREEWAY. AS OF LATE FEB 22 SOVIETS HAVE NOT PROTESTED TO US, BUT WE EXPECT TO HEAR FROM THEM ABOUT IT.

5. IF YOU HAVE ANY SHORT RESPONSE TO MY LETTER OF FEBRUARY 16 ENCLOSING THE READ MEMO, THAT COULD BE CONVEYED IN THIS CHANNEL, I WOULD APPRECIATE THEM. BUT I DON'T WANT TO ADD ANY SIGNIFICANT LOAD TO YOUR BURDEN.

6. THE AMBASSADOR'S CONSULTATIONS ARE WELL UNDER WAY. ADMINISTRATIVE SUBJECTS WILL BE DEALT WITH TOMORROW, HILL AND MILITARY CALLS NEXT WEEK. VANCE

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